

## PROMISE GIVEN BY GERMANY IS LIMITED BY 'IFS'

Kaiser's Government Making  
No Concessions Without Ex-  
pecting Return Favors.

### TO HOLD U. S. TO PLEDGE

America Will Be Required to  
Protest Against Alleged  
British Violations.

### DANGER OF CRISIS REDUCED

"Complete Satisfaction" Promised by  
Bernstorff on Behalf of Berlin  
Officials.

A visit to the State Department yesterday by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, is believed to have minimized the danger of a crisis between the United States and Germany over the Arabic incident. The German Ambassador formally assured the government on behalf of the Berlin authorities, that Germany will give "complete satisfaction" to the United States if it develops that the commander of the German submarine exceeded his instructions in attacking the White Star liner.

The German Ambassador received instructions from his government yesterday morning to convey to the United States assurances of this character, and he lost no time in arranging an interview with Secretary Lansing.

#### No Definite Disclosures.

This latest German communication contained no disclosure as to the exact character of the instructions issued by the German admiralty to submarine commanders. The German Ambassador informed Secretary Lansing informally, however, that it was his understanding that these instructions forbade German submarine commanders to torpedo passenger vessels without warning and without safeguarding the lives of passengers.

Secretary Lansing learned from the German Ambassador also that he now is entirely confident that the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany will be cleared up by an early understanding between the two governments. In fact, it can be said that the German Ambassador now regards all the differences between the United States and Germany on this score as on the high road to a complete settlement.

Germany's official promise to give "complete satisfaction" is regarded as pledging more even than a disavowal in the Arabic case. It is taken to mean that Germany will offer reparation in addition to repudiating the act of war of her submarine commander, if it turns out that he went beyond his instructions.

While everything seems to point clearly now to a complete adjustment of the submarine issue, with Germany according to the principal demands of the United States, it was learned here yesterday definitely that the Kaiser's government is not going to make all these concessions without expecting something in return. The United States stands pledged in its last note to Germany to protect its rights on the high seas by whatsoever method, under any circumstances and at any cost. This government also stands committed to co-operate with Germany for the maintenance of the freedom of the seas.

#### Will Hold U. S. to Pledge.

Germany intends to hold the United States strictly to the letter of this pledge, and when she yields to this government on the submarine issue and gives guarantees as to the future she will expect that the United States will make good its word and proceed against Great Britain with a view to ending the alleged violations of international law against which the United States has complained in connection with the British blockade of Germany. In other words, Germany will expect the United States to take Great Britain severely to task in regard to the British effort to starve Germany in so far as it affects American commercial interests.

There is no doubt here that President Wilson will move more vigorously against Great Britain once the submarine issue has been satisfactorily settled than would otherwise have been the case. In fact, it has been a matter of common knowledge in Washington for a long time that the administration has been sending out the message to the world that the President and his advisers have hesitated to push the issue against Great Britain until they had first ascertained how serious the threatening situation was to become. They did not care to stir up an acute controversy with Great Britain when there was likelihood that almost any day the United States might find itself obliged to be taking sides with the allies in defense of its rights on the high seas.

If, however, the submarine issue is to be settled, as now seems almost certain, by Germany's concessions, there is no doubt that this government will move vigorously and speedily in the matter of

## COLONEL MAY FIGHT NOW IF HE WANTS TO

Milwaukee Men Offer \$250 to Pay  
Expenses to Canadian Re-  
cruiting Station.

Milwaukee, Aug. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt may go to Europe to fight the Germans at the expense of several Milwaukeeans if he chooses to accept an offer made by Charles Mechel in a letter sent to the colonel today. It reads:

"Dear Colonel: We see by the papers that you are spurring for a fight with the Germans. Most Americans prefer to attend to their own business. Therefore, representing a small coterie of local men who have subscribed \$250, I am instructed to tender you this amount to defray your expenses to enable you to join the Canadians who are going to France. This will give you the time of your life." Mechel is not at all confident that Roosevelt will accept his offer.

### HONDURANS HELD FOR PIRACY.

Three Ship's Captain Into Sea and  
Sold Cargo, Is Charged.

Belize, British Honduras, Aug. 27.—Charged with murder and piracy, Jose Beifere and Jose Manzano, two of the crew of the small coast-trading steamer Aurelia, were held here today. The two alleged pirates are accused of having taken Capt. Mesam, of the trader, captive, binding him and throwing him into the sea, intimidating the others of the crew and taking the ship to Cape Gracias, Nicaragua, where they sold the vessel and its cargo to a Turkish merchant for \$3,000.

### Somebody Must Have 'Sworn Off';

Liquor Taxes \$23,390,409 Less

Only 124,000,000 Gallons of Distilled Spirits Consumed in  
U. S. in Past Year—Fewer Cigars and More "Coffin  
Nails" Smoked—War, of Course, Gets Credit.

A considerable falling off in the consumption of tobacco and liquors in the twelve months ending June 30, is indicated by the preliminary report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn for the fiscal year, made public here last night.

The commissioner reported that the ordinary internal revenue collections from these sources were \$23,390,409 less than for the preceding fiscal year. Revenue experts explained the decreases as partially due to the tendency of the American people to economize in the period of financial uncertainty which followed the outbreak of the European war, though propagandists of the prohibition movement are expected to take a large measure of the credit for the decrease in the amount of liquors on which taxes were paid.

It was the decrease in liquor taxes that was responsible for the larger part of the decreases in total ordinary collections noted by Commissioner Osborn. These collections do not include the special taxes imposed by the emergency

### KAISER MOVES 100,000

TROOPS TO WEST FRONT

Big Howitzers that Reduced Novo  
Georgievsk Being Sent Toward  
Verdun.

Amsterdam, Aug. 27.—New German drives in the western war theater, particularly a great campaign against Verdun, France's mightiest fortress, are forecasted in advices received here today from Berlin.

These reports say that 100,000 German troops, who have been participating in the eastern struggles, are now on their way to Alsace and Lorraine, with the heavy artillery that battered the fortifications of Novo Georgievsk. Gen. von Beseler, who directed the artillery operations against Antwerp and Novo Georgievsk, is said to be accompanying the German artillery sent west.

### POPE PRAYS FOR FRANCE!

Paris So Interprets Communication  
from Vatican.

Paris, Aug. 27.—In response to a communication from the Roman Catholic pilgrims at Lourdes, Pope Benedict, through Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, has sent the following message to the Bishop of Tarbes:

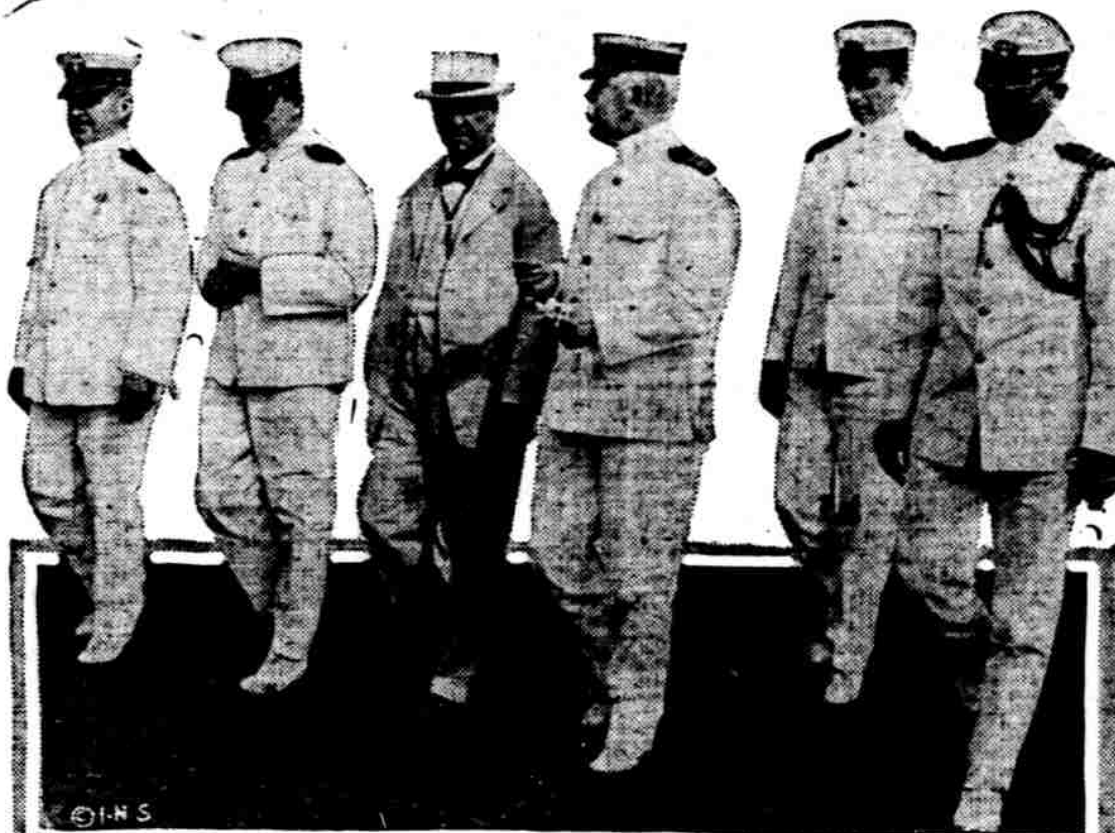
"The Holy Father in accepting the homage of the pilgrims at Lourdes joins his prayers to those of his near sons in France to obtain from the Holy Virgin that which they have most at heart."

### Samuel Rea Improved.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—The condition of Samuel Rea was improved today after an unfavorable night at the Polyclinic Hospital, where he recently underwent an operation. His physicians watched him constantly. Mr. Rea so far has not shown the rapid improvement expected by his doctors. It is said.

210 Ashville and Return, September 1, Limit, 10 days. Southern Railway, Adv.

## DANIELS IN BOSTON TO URGE LARGER NAVY



The picture shows Secretary of the Navy Daniels received by navy officers upon his arrival in Boston to attend the eighth annual governor's conference and urge upon the State executives the necessity of a larger navy and more complete auxiliary equipment, such as submarines and airships.

### MURDER LAID TO

PRO-ALLY PLOT

More Cues Are Found in the  
Killing of Rev. Kayser,  
Gary Minister.

Gary, Ind., Aug. 27.—Even as the body of Rev. Edmund A. H. Kayser, slain preacher of Gary, Ind., was being lowered to the grave this afternoon fresh and convincing evidence was shown that his murder was the culmination of a death plot hatched by protagonists of the allies came to light.

### FOUGHT ARMS TRAFFIC

Hotbed of Hatred Between German  
Sympathizers and Workers for  
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The latest developments revealed Gary as a hotbed of hatred and strife between pro-Germans, of which Kayser was the leader, and pro-allys. To the ringleaders of the latter agency the police now ascribe the murder. The names of these persons have not become known.

### BRYAN IS RETICENT

ON KISS OF FARMER

Commoner's Statement on Tender Pas-  
sage of Rustic in Middle West Is  
Short but Pithy.

Kansas City, Aug. 27.—Apparently none the worse for his experience at Kingman, Kans., Wednesday night, when a bewhiskered farmer kissed him, W. J. Bryan said here today:

### CARRANZA FIXING FOR WAR.

Going to Send Troops to U. S. Border  
for Emergency.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 27.—A party of Americans arriving tonight from Tampico declared that on the train a Carranza officer told them he was going to Monterey to be assigned to the command. He also said the Carranza government was preparing to rush several thousand troops to the border to be prepared for emergency.

### ITALIANS REACH TRENT.

Heavy Bombardment of Austrian  
City Started, Dispatches Say.

Lugana, Italy, Aug. 27.—Italian forces driving against Trent have reached the outer fortifications of the city, according to dispatches received from the front today. A heavy bombardment against the Austrians has been opened.

### To Assemble Financiers.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo  
is planning to assemble the American  
group committee of the Pan-American  
financial conference here in Septem-  
ber. A later meeting also is planned  
for New York City. The meetings are  
to continue the work of providing  
shipping facilities to carry trade to  
Central and South America as dis-  
cussed at the recent conference.

### Richmond Brewery Burns.

Richmond, Aug. 27.—Fire swept the plant of the Home Brewing Company today. All the employees got out in safety. The plant covers nearly an entire block. The damage is estimated at \$10,000. The fire started in a pitch vat. It is reported.

### Holiday Outing, Lacey, Va., Sept. 6th.

Special Lv. Washington 4:30; Alexandria  
4:57 a.m. Southern Railway, Adv.

### Columbia Theater today, noon, contin-

ues: Fannie Ward in Marriage of Kitty.  
Adv.

## RELEASE OF AMERICAN DEMANDED BY LANSING

Secretary of State Sends Sharp Note  
to Carranza—Newspaper Man  
Imprisoned.

Secretary of State Lansing yesterday dispatched a sharp note to Gen. Carranza at Vera Cruz, demanding the immediate release on bail of H. W. Francis, the American newspaperman who was imprisoned by order of Carranza some weeks ago.

Demands for Francis' release in order that he might be tried in a civil court have been sent to Carranza repeatedly. The note forwarded yesterday makes it plain that the United States will insist upon action in the Francis case, although there is no threat as to what will be done if Carranza fails to respond.

Francis was thrown into jail on the ground that he sent matter out of Vera Cruz that labelled the constitutional government. He was treated as if he was a military prisoner. He was put in jail without a trial, and Carranza has been deaf to all appeals made in behalf of the newspaperman. State Department officials refused to say what further action would be taken if Carranza refused to release Francis as requested.

### U. S. Submarine Passes Tests.

New London, Conn., Aug. 27.—The submarine D-1, which arrived Wednesday from Newport, was submerged successfully for a distance of 20 feet off Bartlett Reef today. Monitor Tonopah acted as tender. All tests of the submarine were satisfactory.

### Kaiser Striking at Russians

Through Publicity Campaign

Foreign Minister Sazanoff Denies Reports of Friction Be-  
tween Allies and Lack of Ammunition—Predicts  
Successful Termination of War.

By STANLEY WASHBURN.  
Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald.  
Petrograd, Aug. 27.—Russia is now facing two attacks. One is Germany's advance with her armies. The other is far more serious. It is the German publicity campaign, which moves through a thousand intricate channels and is aimed to discourage with misinformation the Russian public.

For a year past every Russian setback has been followed by the promotion of the same sort of insidious propaganda, which starts simultaneously in a thousand different quarters.

After each battle, and after terrific losses, the Germans find themselves holding an empty city or fortress with the Russian army slipping out of their grasp without demoralization or confusion to fight again on another line.

It has now become obvious to the Germans that their greatest obstacle to success is the heretofore unbreakable morale of their armies. Now with every method possible they are circulating rumors intended to demoralize the army and destroy the hope and confidence of the public.

### Opportunity in Reverse.

From the moment of Warsaw's fall this propaganda has been pushed with increasing cleverness and force both in the army and in all Petrograd circles.

It is directed to mislead both the soldiers and the public into the belief that victory is impossible, and that the allies have deserted the Russian cause.

The continued necessity for retreats has now presented the opportunity to the enemy to push this program more effectively and plausibly until today some people in Russia are in a chaos of pessimism as to the real situation, the idea being subtly circulated that the attack in the west has been indefinitely suspended and that the highest authorities are secretly planning peace.

### Foreign Minister Talks.

The claims being made by these malicious agents have grown in audacity until now it is being freely circulated that the highest authorities in France, England and Russia are not in accord regarding military operations. As a matter of fact, the authorities here are mutually satisfied.

M. Sazanoff, foreign minister, speaking for Russia, authorizes me to quote him as follows:

"Unwillingly the Russian government takes note of the malicious rumors which have been circulated in Petrograd and other parts of Russia as to the real conditions. The Germans have tried every method to break up the Russian strength, from attempts by dropping bombs on undefended cities and killing women and children to start a panic that

### SUES FOR \$1,105 IN GOWNS.

Paris Firm Starts Action Against  
Impresario's Wife.

New York, Aug. 27.—Mme. Frances Alda Casazza, wife of Gatti Casazza, impresario of the Metropolitan Opera House, was today named as defendant in an action brought by a Parisian modiste trading as "Weeks." The firm sues to recover \$1,105 alleged to have been due to gowns delivered to the opera singer in 1913.

### CHOICE OF POLK CONFIRMED.

Announcement of His Acceptance of  
Counselorship Expected.

The report that Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel of New York, has been chosen to be Counselor for the State Department, was confirmed yesterday in official quarters, although no formal announcement of the appointment was made. It was learned that Mr. Polk was in Washington recently conferring with President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing. Formal announcement that Mr. Polk has accepted the counselorship is expected to be made in the near future.

### ATTEMPTS SUICIDE WITH BELT.

Marie Katoni Found Choking to  
Death—Will Recover.

Marie Katoni, 35 years old, was found gasping for breath with a leather belt tightly about her neck last night in her room at 225 Eighth street north-west. She was hurried to Emergency Hospital, where it was said she will recover. Police say that she attempted suicide because of domestic troubles.

### 23,000 to Atlantic City and Return, \$2.00

America's Greatest Seaside Resort,  
Sunday, Aug. 29, Baltimore and Ohio,  
from Union Station, 7:15 a. m. Return-  
ing, leave Atlantic City 8:00 p. m. same  
day.—Adv.

## GERMANY TO BID FOR U. S. COTTON CARGOES

Million-dollar Importing Firm Formed  
in Bremen to Take Up Ameri-  
can Staple.

Bremen, Aug. 27.—In a telegram from Bremen the Frankfurter Zeitung announces the formation there of a cotton importing firm with capital of \$1,000,000. The company has been formed at the solicitation of all German interests affected by the importation of cotton. It is intended to centralize the importation of the product. The German company proposes to obtain firm buying orders from cotton spinners and traders in Germany and Austria and then make firm offerings to American exporters. The business is supported by the banks and the capital is guaranteed by the Disconto Gesellschaft, the Dutch bank, the Dresdener Bank and the National Bank. The president of the board of directors is Herr Lohmann, of Bremen, and the enterprise is supported by several banks and the whole of the German-Austrian cotton trade.

### PROMISES COURTLAND SURPRISE.

Dutch Military Writer Says Rus-  
sians Are in Dumps.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The Overseas News Agency gave out the following today: "Gien, von der Goertz, of the Dutch army, an acknowledged military authority, writing in the Arnhemche Courant on the situation in the eastern theater of war, declares that the Russians cannot hope to attempt a successful stand until the Minsk-Kovno Railway is reached. Important events are expected in the near future in Courland and Kovno.

"The Russian government is no longer able to conceal the true state of affairs. Immense streams of Russian fugitives—farmers, artisans and merchants—have been compelled by their own government to leave their homes. Their stories have spread deep discouragement and depression over the whole country."

### SOUNDS WARNING TO ITALY.

Former Greek Premier Discusses  
Annexation of Islands.

Athens, Aug. 27.—Former Premier Gounaris stated today that he will continue to oppose territorial concessions to Bulgaria. He said he expressed the support of some Venetian deputies, who were elected to aid the policy of the present premier.

"The nation is firmly opposed to making territorial concessions to Bulgaria," he added.

M. Gounaris asserted that a neutral state had the right to permit the passage of munitions for belligerents without taking an active part in the war, and then sounded another warning in these words:

"Italy's annexation of the Aegean Islands would mark the beginning of profound dissension between Greece and Italy, as Greece is irrevocably opposed to the taking of territories technically belonging to her."

### SLEEPING MAN ROBBED.

Awakened Minus Hat, Shoes, Jewelry  
and Money.

If you go on a day's outing to a nearby resort and should happen to get sleepy, take a tip from Oliver W. Jackson, of Alexandria, Va., and don't go to sleep.

Oliver went to sleep at a resort on the banks of the Potomac Monday afternoon. When he awoke his new straw hat, high tan shoes, egg-shaped cuff buttons, a pocket watch and \$5 in bills were gone.

Oliver last night asked the Washington police to help him find the persons who were so kind as to partly undress him that he might sleep more comfortably.

### GIRL'S RESCUER DROWNS.

Crowd Forgets Man in Ministering  
to Woman.

Kennebec Port, Me., Aug. 27.—Walter J. Beck, of Philadelphia, was drowned here today after he had saved from drowning Miss Anna Johnson, a maid employed by Mrs. George Graham, of Englewood, N. J.

Beck was 21 and a son of Mrs. Agnes Beck, of Philadelphia. He was walking on the beach with his sister Alice and heard Miss Johnson's cries. He swam out to her and supported her till a motorboat arrived and took her ashore. In the excitement of resuscitating Johnson, Beck was forgotten. He tried to swim ashore, became exhausted, sank and was drowned. Miss Johnson will recover.

### TO HEAR WELSH MINERS.

Runciman Summons Executive Com-  
mittee to London for Parley.

London, Aug. 27.—Miners on strike in South Wales and Monmouthshire were ordered by their leaders today to return to work immediately. The government is believed to have promised further concessions to the colliery workers, as it is announced that the executive committee of the Miners' Federation has been summoned to London for a conference with Walter Runciman of the board of trade.

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## GERMANS STRIKE AT RAILWAYS TO RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Following the Loss of Olita,  
Vilna Is Near  
Fall.

### VON HINDENBURG ACTIVE

London Experts Believe He Is  
Looking Toward Petro-  
grad, Too.

### RIGA ATTACK EXPECTED SOON

Offensive in Baltic Provinces Re-  
opened—Bulk of Teutonic Army  
Pursuing Slavs.

London, Aug. 27.—With the occupation of Olita, the ninth Russian fortress to capitulate within three weeks, the Germans are now in virtual control of the line of the Niemen and the Bug. Grodno, forty miles southeast of Olita, the only stronghold on this front still in the hands of the Russians, is semi-officially reported to be on the point of evacuation, apparently having served its purpose of covering the Russian retreat.

The Germans have resumed the offensive in the Baltic provinces, and report gains southeast of Mitau, at Bausk and Schoenberg, and east of Kovno. Some 2,500 Russians have been taken prisoners in these operations and four cannon have been captured.

### Striking at Railroad.

The objective of these operations is the trunk line of the railway which leads to Petrograd, passing through Vilna and Dvinsk. The loss of Vilna, which holds the railroad key to the northern end of the Russian line, is practically conceded. German troops under Gen. von Eichenhorn, advancing from Kovno, already are within striking distance of the city, which is unprotected.

The railroad from Warsaw and Brest-Litovsk to Petrograd, the line to Moscow, and a line running south to Rowno, which is now the next available front for a Russian stand, all center at Vilna. The city also lies at the head of the watershed from which either Petrograd or Moscow may be reached.

### Expect Riga Attack.

The possibility of a German advance against the Russian capital is seen by some military observers in the operations of Von Hindenburg. It is expected that a determined effort will be made to capture Riga within the next few days and so remove the last remaining menace to the German rear if serious operations against Petrograd are contemplated.

The largest forces of Germans at present are engaged in pursuit of the Russian armies retreating from Brest-Litovsk. The fact that the Germans have failed to report the capture of guns of prisoners at the Bug fortress leads to the belief that it was evacuated and that the Czar's troops are well on their way to their new line.

### Russ Fire Villages.

Northeast and southeast of Brest-Litovsk the Teutons are pressing ahead steadily. The forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, have passed through the town of Kamianets-Litovsk, which was left burning by the Russians. Other villages and towns are reported in flames. It is believed the Russians have destroyed or set fire to all supplies which they were unable to carry with them on their retreat.

Unofficial dispatches to the effect that the Russian armies had been divided into sections by the descent of the Germans on the Warsaw-Petrograd railway in the north and the cutting of the line between Kovno and Rowno in the south are not credited. It is believed that Grand Duke Nicholas has again made good his retreat to a new line, but some military experts fear a new line that he may find it untenable, owing to German operations around Vilna.

### 200,000 Taken in Three Weeks.

The German center is advancing on the road to Minsk, about 150 miles northeast of Brest-Litovsk. It is along this road that a large portion of the Grand Duke's armies retreating from Brest-Litovsk are retreating.

The Germans today reported the capture of about 5,000 prisoners. Captures of figures for the last three weeks shows that in the neighborhood of 200,000 Russians have been captured. In addition to all but one of the Polish companies. It is believed that they will try to take Loutsk and Rowno and then dig themselves in along what is now the Russian third line, stretching from Riga to Vilna, and then south through the vast swamps of White Russia to Rowno.

### Mystery Fire Destroys Arms.

Milan, Aug. 27.—The Corriere della Sera reports the total destruction of an ammunition factory at Segedini, Hungary, as the result of a fire due to an unknown cause. The fire lasted all night. All the machinery and a large stock of ammunition was destroyed.

### Small Chicago and Return.

Baltimore and Ohio, account Chicago  
from 1. B. P. O. E. Tickets on sale  
August 29, 30, 31. Good returning until  
September 1.—Adv.